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FOR : ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS/ SOPN

SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK

1. SINCE YOUR DEPARTURE WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A VISIT BY NEWSWEEK OFFICIALS TO INDONESIA IN LATE MAY. THIS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS WHILE YOU WERE HERE ALTHOUGH NO ONE MENTIONED IT.

2. MR. GUNADIRDJA, WHO WAS IN THE MEETING WITH GENERAL SUTIKNO, HAS TOLD BERNIE LAVIN THAT CHRISTOPHER OR SOME OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF NEWSWEEK WILL COME TO INDONESIA AT THE END OF MAY TO INTERVIEW PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

3. FROM LIM BIEN KIE WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AN INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO CHRISTOPHER OF NEWSWEEK TO ATTEND THE CSIS SEMINAR IN BALI MAY 30-31. CHRISTOPHER IS BEING INVITED TO COME TO JAKARTA BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE BALI MEETING TO INTERVIEW INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FINALLY PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

4. LIM BIEN KIE SAID THAT THE PLAN ALSO CALLED FOR PER-  
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MISSION TO BE GRANTED TO NEWSWEEK TO RESUME DISTRIBUTION BEGINNING WITH THE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO. HE ADDED THAT NEWSWEEK WOULD ALSO GET ITS CORRESPONDENT BACK.

5. FROM A SOURCE IN THE STATE SECRETARIAT, JUDY BIRD WILLIAMS HAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION. ACCORDING TO THIS, CHRISTOPHER AND ONE OTHER FROM NEWSWEEK WILL COME TO

JAKARTA AT THE END OF MAY TO "INTERVIEW MINISTERS."  
IX THE STORIES THEY WRITE AS A RESULT OF TAT ARE SATIS-  
FACTORY, THEY WILL THEN BE GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WITH  
PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

6. YOU MAY WISH TO TALK WITH CHRISTOPHER TO FIND OUT  
WHAT HIS UNDERSTANDING MAY BE. IF THERE IS ANY CONFUSION,  
I WOULD BE GLAD TO TRY TO CLARIFY IT.  
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